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R 030843Z DEC 73
FM AMEMBASSY SAIGON
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 9521
CINCPAC HONOLULU HI
USDEL JEC PARIS

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E.O. 11652: N/A
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SUBJ: 122 MM ROCKETS FIRED AT BINH THUY AIRBASE

CINCPAC FOR POLAD

FOLG TEL SENT TO AMEMBASSY SAIGON INFO DAO SAIGON USSAG NAKHON PHANOM FM AMCONSUL CAN THO 30 NOV 73 REPEATED FYINFO

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SUBJECT: 122 MM ROCKETS FIRED AT BINH THUY AIRBASE

1. FIVE 122 MM ROCKETS WERE FIRED AT BINH THUY AIRBASE OUTSIDE CAN THO AT 0150 NOVEMBER 29, THE FIRST TIME SINCE THE CEASEFIRE THAT BINH THUY HAS BEEN HIT. THE ROCKETS DID NO DAMAGE TO THE AIRFIELD'S AMMO DUMP, NEAR WHICH THEY LANDED, BUT ONE ROUND HIT A NEARBY POPULATED AREA, KILLING ONE AND WOUNDING TWO.
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2. HERETFORE THE OTHER SIDE HAS NOT USED 122 MM ROCKETS IN
THE DELTA EXCEPT IN HEAVILY CONTESTED AREAS LIKE CHUONG THIEN
AND THE SEVEN MOUNTAINS IN CHAU DOC.

3. BINH THUY AIRBASE COMMANDER COL. BUI QUAN KHUONG SAID
THE ROCKETS FELL SHORT OF THEIR REAL TARGET, THE A-37'S
AND HELICOPTERS PARKED AT THE AIRBASE. HE DISCOUNTED THE
AMMO DUMP AS THE ENEMY OBJECTIVE, EXPLAINING THAT AMMO
STOCKS ARE TOO WELL DISPERSED: EVEN A DIRECT HIT WOULD DESTROY
ONLY A SMALL AMOUNT. THE PLANES, TOO, ARE ADEQUATELY DISPERSED,
AND ARE PARTIALLY PROTECTED, FURTHERMORE, BY REVETMENTS. BUT
MOST ARE UNCOVERED, LEAVING INDIVIDUAL AIRCRAFT VULNERABLE.
LEHMANN

UNQUOTE.
MARTIN

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